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EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS
of the
United Evangelical Church
in the
Province of Hunan, China



MRS. EMMA M. DUBS.

Mrs. Dubs, wife of Superintendent C. Newton Dubs, was the beginner of educational missionary work in our China Mission. She died at Shanghai, February 9, 1914, and is buried at Changsha, where she was the pioneer of work among women and children.



MISS MARIE T. HASENPFLUG.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, AT CHANGSHA,
AND A PIONEER OF EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS.

Miss Hasenpflug is a capable Christian educator.



MRS. C. C. TALBOTT.

ONE OF OUR MOST EXPERIENCED ORGANIZERS OF DAY SCHOOLS.
MRS. TALBOTT HAS ALSO BEEN A SUCCESSFUL WORKER
AMONG WOMEN.

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL MISSION IN HUNAN, CHINA.

There are four classes of mission work in foreign lands: Evangelistic, educational, medical, and industrial. The last three named are all contributory to evangelistic work, for it is the supreme aim of evangelical missions to evangelize the people among whom our missionaries labor. This pamphlet will give a very brief glance of the educational work of our China Mission.

THE BEGINNING BY MRS. C. N. DUBS IN 1902.

"Mrs. Dubs really began this work, when she took in two little children to teach in various branches while we were preaching in the street chapel."—*Annual Report of C. N. Dubs.*

AN ACCOUNT BY MRS. DUBS IN "MISSIONARY TIDINGS."

"Tsao Chen is a little girl, seven years of age, who lives near us, and comes to see us very often; so I thought it would be a good idea to teach her a little every day. Her parents were delighted with the idea and send her every afternoon. We began by learning to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Chinese, and though she could not read a character, she remembered the words very well. The Chinese have very good memories."

In 1903, Superintendent Dubs instituted the first day school along with the heavy work already in hand, there being twelve pupils, three of whom were girls. In March, 1904, the school was opened in new quarters, with two Chinese teachers assisting.

THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SCHOOLS WE NOW HAVE.

The last Annual Report of China Mission is dated January 1, 1918. This indicates six Girls' Day Schools, with two hundred and two pupils, seven Boys' Days Schools, with two hundred and twelve pupils; one Girls' Boarding School, with seventy-three pupils, the Albright Preparatory School with eighty-five pupils, and three other schools with forty pupils. We are also allied with two Union projects: the Girls' Union High and Training School and the Union Theological School.



REV. M. E. RITZMAN.

Mr. Ritzman now represents our Mission on the faculty of the Union Theological School. This institution is an alliance of the Presbyterian, United Evangelical, Reformed, and Wesleyan Missions of Hunan.

HOW OUR MISSION TRAINS ITS WORKERS.

By Rev. M. E. Ritzman.

For more than ten years of our work in Hunan, no systematic efforts were made to train our workers. Men were chosen because of their ability and earnestness and then left entirely in the hands of the missionary on whose fields they happened to be, to do the best he could for them in the midst of a multitude of other exacting duties. A course of study had been partially prepared to help the men do home work, but because of lack of proper supervision, not one of our workers ever completed the course.

As the workers of the Mission increased in number, the need for systematic training became more and more urgent. Therefore, in 1914, in conjunction with three other missions, a Union Theological School was established in Changsha, giving two courses, one for men who had completed a full college course or its equivalent, and supposedly equal to the courses of seminaries at home giving the degree of B.D. The second is a more elementary course, intended for men less advanced in their studies.

But the majority of our workers are not able to attend the Changsha School, and for these quarterly training sessions are being held at two centers, viz: Liling and Yuhsien, and all workers who are not in attendance at Changsha, or else excused by the Mission for some other reason, are required to attend these sessions.

THE ESTIMATE PLACED BY SUPERINTENDENT DUBS UPON OUR BOARDING SCHOOLS.

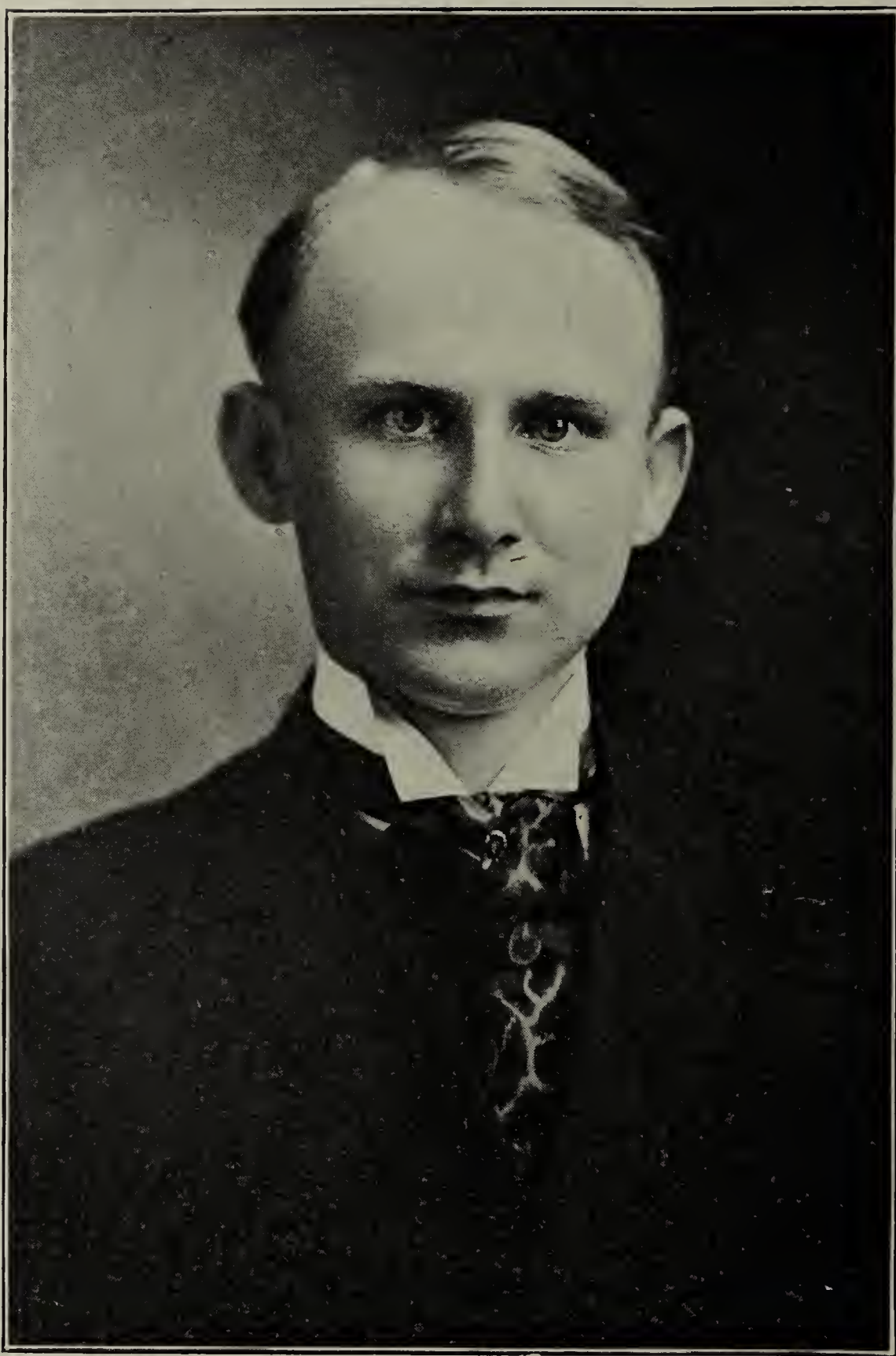
The educational work of our Mission is making rapid strides; the estimate for this branch of missionary activity clearly indicates the enlarged plans and scope of our work. Our boarding schools are full of eager pupils; the Girls' Boarding School never was as prosperous and successful as this past year. The capacity of the building was taxed to its utmost, because of the number wishing to enter the school; the class of girls attending our school was better than ever before, and their work was in advance of previous years. The work of the past years, together with the faithful, self-denying work of the principal in charge, showed in the work done. The final examinations of the graduating class were made out by the principal of the Hunan Union Girls' High School and Normal Training School, and were to be the test for receiving a diploma from our school as well as an entrance examination to the High School. Our girls passed with honor. The spiritual tone of the school has never been better, ten pupils having been received into the church on confession of their faith in Christ. A regular weekly prayer-meeting for the Christians in the school has been a source of great blessing for the pupils and the school. The Liling Boys' Boarding School has also made more rapid strides since an educationally trained missionary gives his whole time to the work of the school.

The workers' classes, organized by the Mission for the training of all our workers is proving a success. It meets a long-felt need and must tell in time for the increased efficiency of our Chinese workers, who feel called to preach the gospel, but for various reasons have not the education necessary nor the training to cope with those who will come with all sorts of questions and arguments about the gospel. The curriculum has been enlarged, and an advance made in that the workers will be graded and divided into classes according to their education and ability. A seven-years' course is being prepared and a diploma will be given to those who successfully pass in the examinations of the whole course.

Our Nurses' Training School, in connection with our Liling Hospital, is a step in the right direction; the prospectus is out and we expect this school to grow in numbers and efficiency. Classes will be opened this fall; the nurses in training will be a great help to the work of the hospital. It is not necessary to say that this school will increase the efficiency of the hospital staff.

Our Woman's Bible School has just had a most successful year; it is meeting a great need in training and educating a class of women, who cannot find accommodation in any of our other schools.

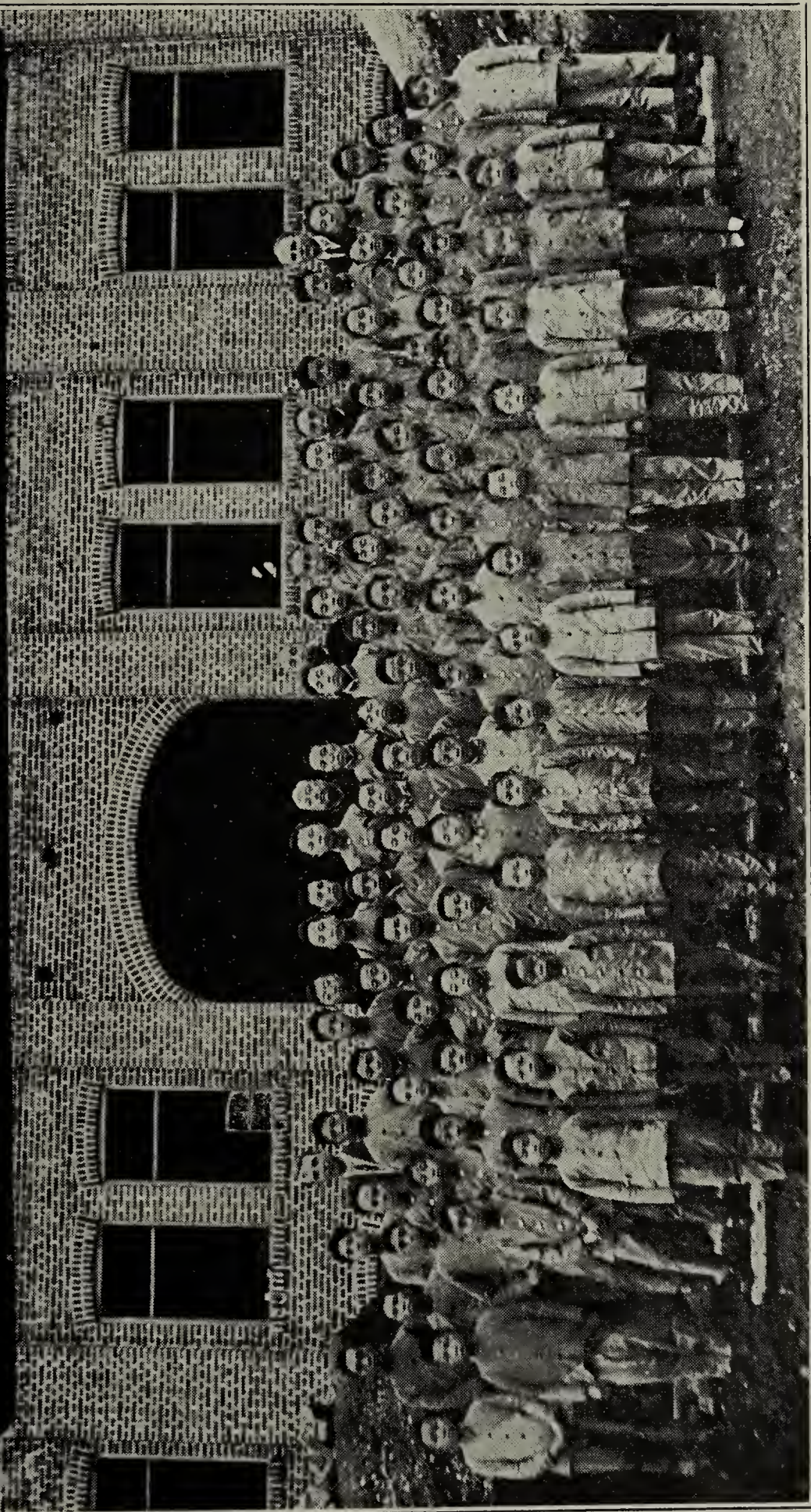
The day schools on the various stations and out-stations are doing valuable work. The one in Chaling graduated eight boys this last June, and all of whom will attend our Albright Preparatory School in Liling. A good showing, this. There are other schools that might be mentioned, such as the Woman's and Girls' Schools at Liling and Yuhsien, which are doing good work.



REV. IRVING R. DUNLAP.

Mr. Dunlap, though primarily an evangelistic missionary, had much to do with the founding of what is now the *Albright Preparatory School* at Liling. Prof. S. M. Short took charge of this school after arriving on the field, and Mr. Dunlap continued evangelistic work, now having charge of Changsha Circuit.

醴陵遵道學校全體別校長鄧維真君國紀念攝影



LILING UNITED EVANGELICAL BOYS' SCHOOL, MAY, 1916.

The Chinese inscription at the top of the cut reads as follows: "A photograph of the Liling United Evangelical Boys' School, taken in honor of the former principal, Pastor Dunlap, who is about to return to his native country."



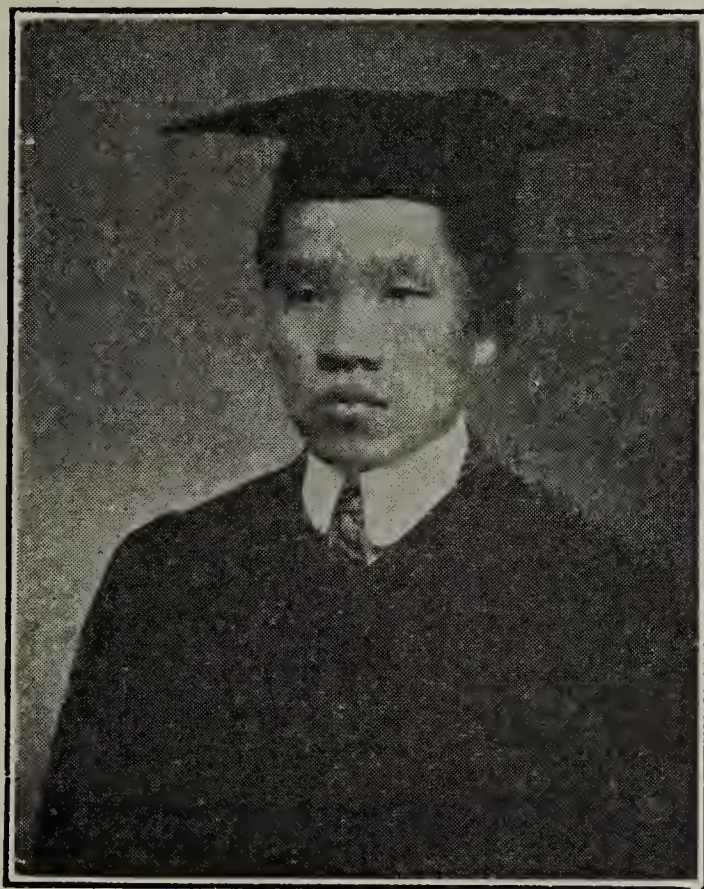
PROF. SAMUEL M. SHORT.

PRINCIPAL ALBRIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL.



ALBRIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT LILING.

Can accommodate 125 students.



MR. PU HUANG,

who was one of the teachers at Albright Preparatory School, now in attendance at Leland Stanford, Jr., University at Palo Alto, Cal.



GRADUATING CLASS, 1917.

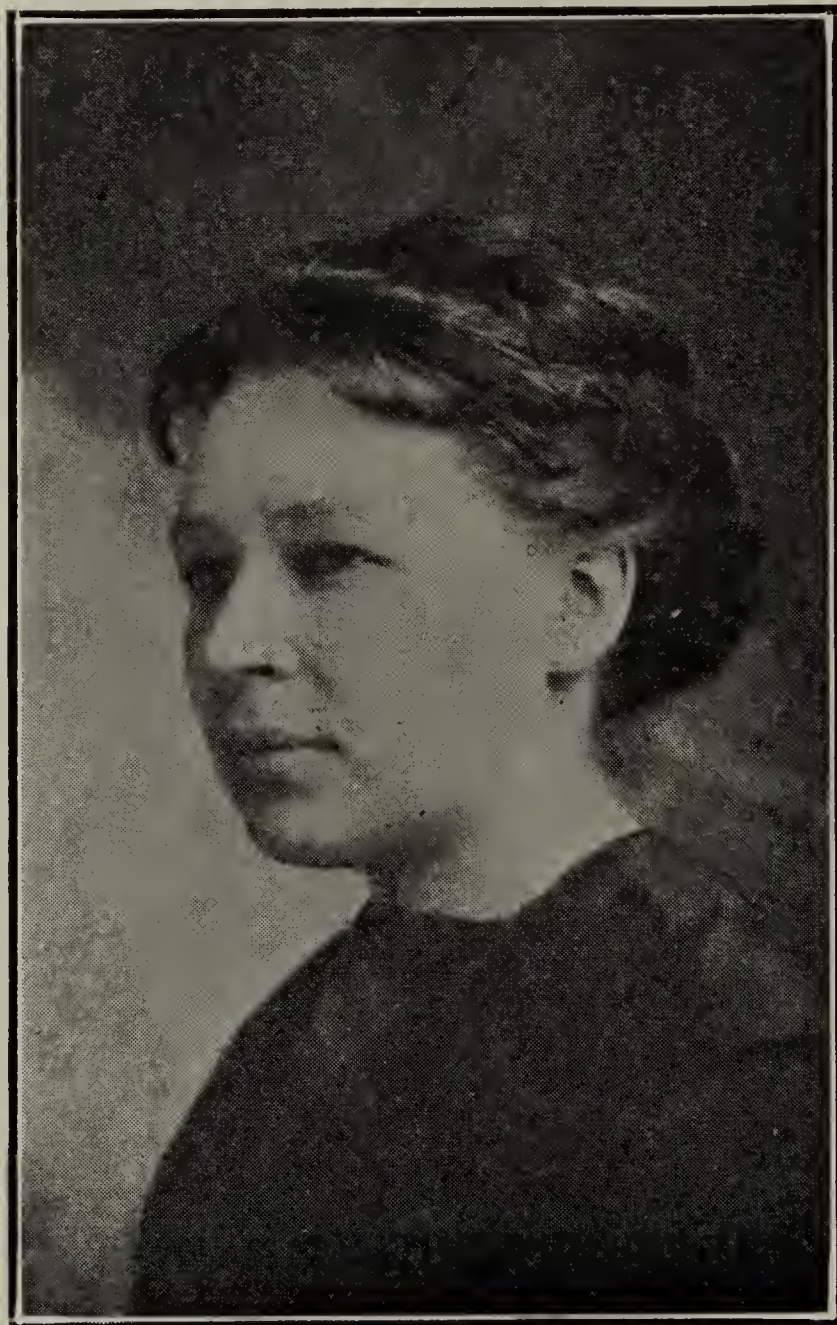
*The Albright Preparatory School, Liling, China,
Prof. S. M. Short, Principal.*

THE CHRISTIAN ATMOSPHERE AT ALBRIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

From Principal Short's Report of 1917.

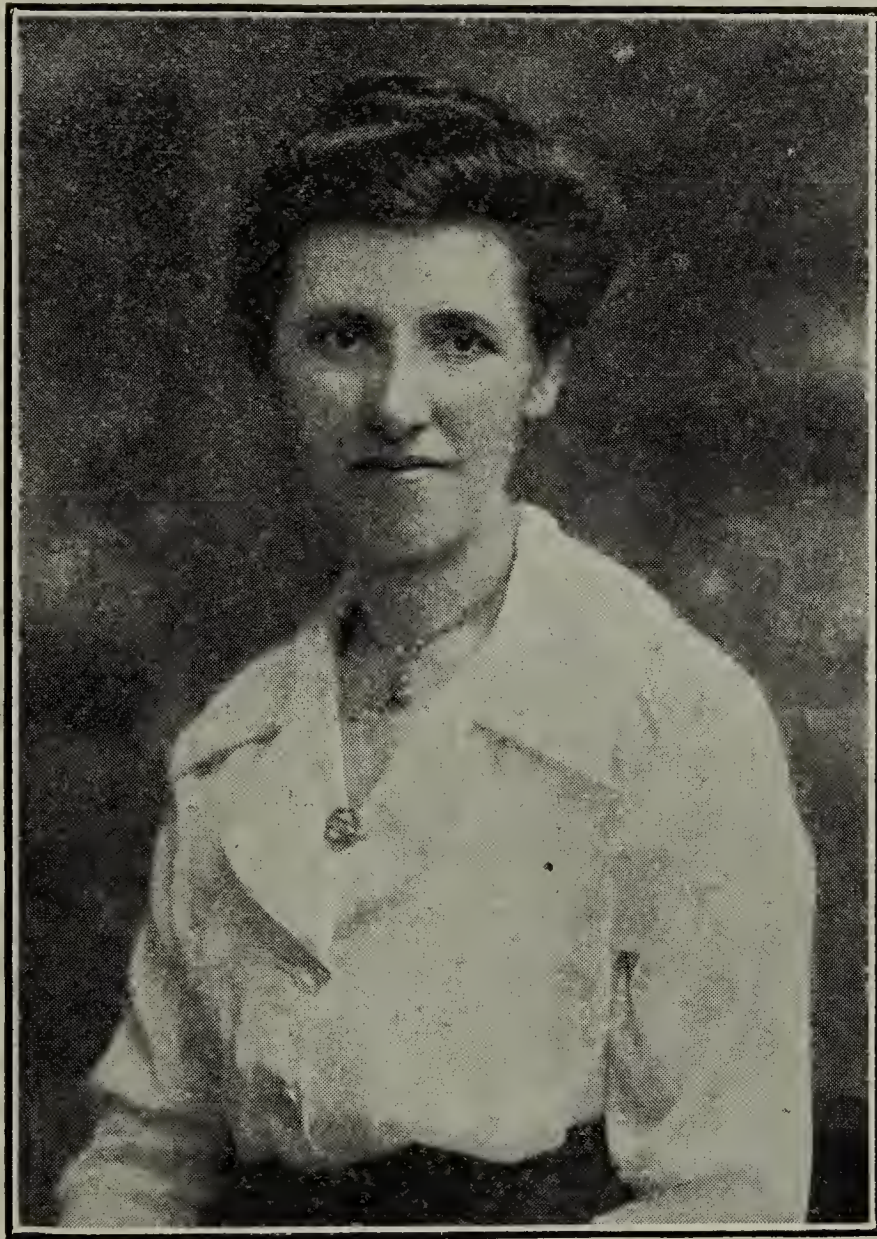
While we aim to make the standard of scholarship as high as that of any school in the province, we also aim never to lose sight of the fact that the chief purpose of educational missions, as well as all other forms of missionary work, is to lead to Christ those who know Him not and to strengthen for His service those who are already His. Along this line we have been especially blessed during the past year. A year ago there were only two Christians on the faculty and some of the other teachers were almost openly anti-Christian. Now all is changed. Every Sunday morning as the students march in a body to church they are followed by the five Chinese teachers. The three who are not yet church members are all earnest inquiries. Twenty-four of the students are members of the church and twenty-two are studying the catechism.

At the end of the last term eleven boys graduated from the grammar school. Six of these boys are baptized Christians and three others are inquirers. Besides the graduating class of this year we had ten boys who have already finished the work of the grammar school. These ten boys are all church members and a number of them are especially strong characters and give promise of being of great service to the church in the future.



MISS MINNIE GOHN.

Miss Gohn is also one of our experienced educational missionaries. She had charge of the Girls' Boarding School while Miss Hasenpflug was home on furlough. She had also represented the Mission on the Union Girls' High and Normal Training School.



MISS ELVIRA M. STRUNK.

Miss Strunk represents our Mission on the faculty of *The Hunan Union Girls' High and Normal Training School*.

In the administration of this school the missions of the United Evangelical and Presbyterian churches are united. In his last annual report, Superintendent Dubs writes concerning this school:

"Ten graduates received diplomas at the commencement exercises; all are Christians, nine of them being church members. I am very thankful to the board for sending Miss Elvira M. Strunk to follow Miss Minnie Gohn as vice-principal of this high school."

Mr. Dubs writes further: "Educational work is very important and we now have four or five young men, graduates of higher schools of learning, who will be of great help to us in the future."



GRADUATES OF THE CHANGSHA, GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, 1915.